

MANCHESTER AIRPORT

COMMUNITY flyer

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



WELCOME

Welcome to the spring issue of the Manchester Airport Community Flyer. As we shrug off the cold and damp of a leap-year February, I'm looking forward to the Epic 18 months ahead of us, which promises to be some of our best yet. Looking at how Manchester Airport has just had its third consecutive month with more passengers than ever before – February this year was up 14% on February last year and above pre-pandemic levels makes me feel proud and excited for the future

At the same time, every single passenger travelling through the airport queued for less than 15 minutes before reaching security, in fact the vast majority queued for only 5 minutes which is an impressive achievement.

It's the first time we've reached that level across all three of our terminals. Last year the average was 96%. We have a lot to be proud of and plenty to work on for the

summer to come. I was interested to see in our recent community survey that online communication continues to be important and that you trust us to respond to the needs of our local communities, and this flyer is still the preferred method of communication. I'm always impressed by our colleagues dedication to volunteering in our local area, this year more than 460 airport colleagues have dedicated more than 700 days



helping in their local communities. I also got involved in 'Spring Cleaning' in the local area on a lunchtime litter pick, it's amazing what a difference a few hours can make.

Chris

CHRIS WOODROOFE
Managing Director

OUTREACH 2024

To help us get to know our neighbours better, we regularly attend events in the local area, giving residents the opportunity to raise queries and ask questions with members of our Engagement Team.

You can come and chat with us at these community events this summer:

- 4th May: Knutsford Royal May Day
- 15th June: Mobberley Rose Queen
- 18th & 19th June: The Royal Cheshire County Show

- 6th July: Join Together Festival
- 20th & 21st July: Hale Barns Carnival
- 28th July: The Wythenshawe Games
- 4th July & 26th September: Woodhouse Park Multi-Agency Drop-in

We also look forward to hosting our bi-annual Parish Council Forum and to see many of our local Woodhouse Park residents at our popular Autumn Leaves event in November.





We are committed to addressing the issues which matter most to people living near us

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND – ROUND UP OF FY 23-24

The Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund celebrates its 26th year delivering 70 grants to grass roots organisations for the benefit of the wider community.

The Trustees met in April, July and October 2023 and January 2024 to consider 108 applications

65% of applications were successful

70 grants have been awarded, amounting to £103,023.59



Read Easy Stockport received funding for adult reading resources.

WORLD BOOK DAY

One of our favourite days of the year is World Book Day, where we get to dress up as our favourite characters and share our love of books by reading to children in local primary schools.

This year our colleague volunteers were happy to read to children at Outwood, Newall Green, Peel Hall and Manor Park Primary Schools.



THE GREAT AIRPORT SPRING CLEAN

This year's Great British Spring Clean leapt into action on Friday 15th March, as thousands of 'litter heroes' began sprucing up their neighbourhoods.

Colleagues at Manchester Airport, including our Managing Director, have undertaken a series of 3 litter picks during March; targeting areas adjacent to the Airport site. Our mission to tackle local 'Grot Spots' will continue into the summer months.

In addition to litter picking in the local area, our colleague volunteers have been out and about supporting projects including: the David Lewis Centre, the Together Trust,

Quarry Bank Mill, The Wythenshawe Children's Centres, Crossacres and Ashgate Forest School, The Seashell Trust, The Bread and Butter Thing and many more!



COMPETITION-WINNING PUPILS UNVEIL £25K 'ECO-GARDEN'

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Back in March, we were thrilled to attend the grand opening of the new eco garden at Cheadle Catholic Infant and Junior Schools.

Pupils from the two neighbouring schools entered our competition in 2022 to design an 'eco-garden' and, despite stiff competition, they were the eventual winners after a fabulous presentation at the final in December 2022. They won a prize of £25,000 from the Community Trust Fund, which ran the competition to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

The schools' winning design incorporated a sustainable community allotment, growing produce that will then be used in

cooking classes, a 'forest school' designed to attract native plants and wildlife, and an open-air classroom complete with a weather station that will be used in science and geography sessions.

Local MP Mary Robinson was invited to join pupils for the eco-garden's official opening and was taken on a guided tour of the space, where she saw work on the allotments to get them ready for growing crops this summer, and the completed 'forest school' which is now in daily use by pupils, who have sighted toads, birds and even a shrew hanging around its vertical gardens.



We are committed to creating quality employment and providing opportunities for all

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LOCAL PUPILS HEAR FROM WOMEN IN AVIATION

Pupils from a school in Didsbury enjoyed a day at Manchester Airport on Friday, learning about careers in aviation from female airport colleagues.

The International Women's Day visit saw a group of 30 pupils from Parrs Wood High School meet airport staff in the AeroZone educational facility before taking a tour of the new-look Terminal 2.

More than a dozen colleagues from a wide variety of roles took part in Q&As with the pupils, including women working in airport security, airfield operations, procurement,

hospitality and community engagement, in addition to colleagues from partners DHL and Greater Manchester Police. The pupils also had the chance to explore AeroZone's interactive education zones and try their hand at some of the jobs they heard about.

In the afternoon, a Terminal 2 tour was led by Jane Daintith, the Head of Terminal Operations, who explained what goes into keeping a busy airport terminal running smoothly and outlined the improvement work taking place as part of the airport's £1.3bn transformation programme.



MORE THAN 700 JOBS ON OFFER AT OUR JOBS FAIR

Manchester Airport was proud to host a jobs fair at Wythenshawe Forum on 6th March, with hundreds of roles available in everything from airport security to hospitality.

The event gave visitors an opportunity to chat about a career in aviation, speaking directly to more than a dozen employers based at the airport site, including Jet2.com, Menzies Aviation and Swissport, as well as restaurant and retail operators such as Costa Coffee, Boots, The Restaurant Group (TRG) and HMSHost.

The Airport Academy, which is run in partnership by Manchester Airport and Trafford College, were also in attendance promoting their free pre-employment support programmes. These include fully accredited training schemes for those who are on Jobseekers' Allowance and require additional support before applying for jobs.



MEET THE BUYERS

We hosted our annual 'Meet the Buyers' event last week, with more than 300 attendees from over 200 local businesses taking the opportunity to connect directly with key prospective clients in the Greater Manchester area.

Small and medium-sized businesses from a variety of sectors were represented, networking with 29 major buyers and taking part in almost 800 meetings across the day. Well-known names from the worlds of construction and aviation were in attendance, including Manchester Airports Group (MAG), BAM, Dalkia, and Manchester City Council.

Marcella M'Rabety, Group Head of Education, Skills and Employment at Manchester Airport, said: "We were thrilled to be able to support local businesses with networking and making introductions to the right contacts"



LITTLE BOOK OF TRAVEL TALES

Manchester Airport is calling on schools across the North to get involved in its 'Little Book of Travel Tales'.

This book will collect children's poems, short stories and illustrations on the subject of travel, and will be distributed to youngsters travelling through the airport this summer. For further information can be found [here](#).

For more information visit www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community

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OUR ENVIRONMENT TEAM GO TRULY BATTY!

In March the Manchester Airport environment team assisted the Cheshire Bat Group and Cheshire Wildlife Trust on a visit to a couple of the bat barns that were created as mitigation for the creation of Runway 2.

Both ecologists were technical specialists, with one holding a bat license and the other holding a barn owl license. We checked the condition of the barns, to see how the species were interacting together. We saw multiple barn owl pellets and a brown long-eared bat.

All of the barns, monitored as part of the bat group, are maternity roosts, with one barn having a peak count of 400 bats on one of the surveys a couple of years ago!



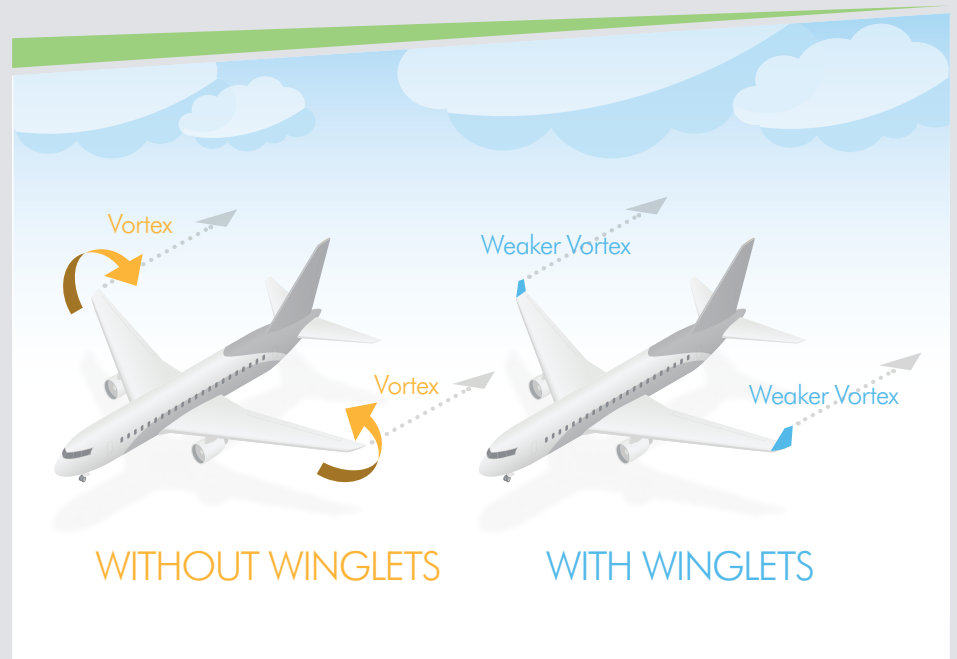
THE LITTLE THINGS THAT REDUCE AIRCRAFT EMISSIONS

Over the last 10-15 years, the numbers of aircraft we now see at Manchester Airport with 'winglets' has steadily increased, from the initial retrofitting of existing aircraft to the now standard types we see on all new aircraft.

Winglets reduce wingtip vortices, the tiny twin tornados formed by the difference between the pressure on the upper surface of an aircraft's wing and that on the lower surface. High pressure on the lower surface creates a natural airflow that makes its way

to the wingtip and curls upward around it. When airflow around the wingtip streams out behind the aircraft, a vortex is formed, which also has energy loss.

Winglets produce an especially good performance boost for jet aircraft by reducing drag, and that reduction can translate into a marginally higher cruise speed. But most operators take advantage of the drag reduction by throttling back to normal speed to reduce fuel burn and emissions.



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